

“Faith Through the Prophetic Word”

- I. Discerning the times, Daniel 9:1-2
 - a. Daniel was living in a time of previously revealed prophecy now coming to pass. It what way is today similar to the days of Daniel?
 - i. Today Israel is at home in their homeland after being scattered to the wind for approximately 2500 years
 - ii. Even a cursory reading of headline news reveals that this little country occupies the center stage of God’s plan for the culmination of history
 - b. Previously revealed to Daniel were the succession of four Gentile Empires
 - i. Babylon
 - ii. Medo-Persia
 - iii. Greece
 - iv. Rome
 - c. Daniel was living during the days of the advent of the second kingdom
 - d. The advent of the second kingdom was also prophesied by the prophet Isaiah
 - e. The prophecy concerning the coming of this second kingdom was fulfilled literally
- II. Daniel understood the times by reading the scroll of Jeremiah Daniel 9:2
 - a. Jeremiah had prophesied that the Jewish nation would be taken captive to Babylon
 - b. He had also prophesied that this captivity would last for seventy years
 - c. How did God determine how long this captivity would last? The captivity would last for 70 years because the Jewish people had neglected the land Sabbath for 490 years
 - i. Leviticus 26:27-35 reveals the concept of the land Sabbath
 - ii. II Chronicles 36:19-21 reveals God’s judgment and the requirement that the land will enjoy 70 Sabbaths
 - iii. This refers to sabbatical years. What is a sabbatical year? A sabbatical year is one year out of every 7 years
- III. Daniel prays a prayer of repentance for the nation of Israel in response to the prophetic word, Daniel 9:3
- IV. God responds to Daniel’s prayer by sending the angel Gabriel, Daniel 9:20-23
 - i. Daniel had prayed for God to “cause His face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, Daniel 9:17
 - ii. God was about to reveal much more to Daniel that what he had prayed for; God would reveal the plan for the ages and the fulfillment of all the promises made unto His covenant people
- V. Daniel 9:24 reveals six major events in the culmination of history. They are;
 - a. To finish the transgression, meaning to bring Israel’s sin of disobedience to an end
 - b. To make and end of sin, meaning to seal up and provide the punishment of sin; this was accomplished through Jesus Christ at His crucifixion. According to Ezekiel 37:23, at the second coming of Christ, Jesus will remove Israel’s sin
 - c. To make reconciliation for iniquity, the final atonement of Israel. From our perspective today, this provision has already been accomplished by Christ at Calvary; from Daniel’s viewpoint this was more than 560 years in the future
 - d. To bring in everlasting righteousness; points to the coming Kingdom of Christ
 - e. To seal up vision and prophecy; means to bring to completion all that God has spoken through the inspired prophets of God
 - f. To anoint the Most Holy; probable reference to the Most Holy Place in the Millennial Temple; and/or the anointing of the Most Holy One, Jesus Christ
- VI. Daniel 9:25-27 reveals three time periods that comprise 70 ‘weeks’ of prophecy
 - a. 7 weeks comprising a total of 49 years; probable activity during this period of time includes the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, constructing the moat, building the streets and clearing out the trash
 - b. 62 weeks comprising a total of 434 years; this time period leads up to the time that Messiah is crucified
 - c. The intervening years that separate the first 69 ‘weeks’ (483 years) from the final ‘week’ (7 years) encompass the Church Age; during this time the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed by the ‘people of the prince to come,’ referring to the Roman army under Titus, an event that occurred with remarkable accuracy (70 A.D.) as prophesied by Christ in Matthew 24:1-2
 - d. 1 week comprising a total of 7 years; this is the time of the Great Tribulation which is yet to come (Revelation 6-19); Gabriel proclaimed to Daniel that Israel’s suffering would continue to the end of these 70 ‘weeks.’ They will culminate with the return of Christ at the end of the Tribulation when Israel’s suffering will end

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